

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 13 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0825-0-01 (ACCNO 0597) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: BENNETT, WILLIAM GEORGE Date Status assigned: 23 May 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	04	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	002228007	Height	71 in / 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	K598232
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NARRATIVE

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IN JANUARY 1992, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT RELEASED A DOCUMENT TITLED "MILITARY REGION IV AIR DEFENSE OPERATIONS JOURNAL FROM 1964-1973 - REFERENCE MATERIAL." DOCUMENT ENTRY #895 LISTED THE SHOOT DOWN OF AN F-105 ON 2 SEPTEMBER 1967 AT 0800 HOURS BY BATTALION 11, REGIMENT 280. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT COORDINATES "70-08" IN THE CATANG AREA. THE DATE, TIME AND AIRCRAFT TYPE CORRELATE TO THIS INCIDENT.

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ON 26 AUG 93, A JOINT US/SRV TEAM SURVEYED A SUSPECTED F-105D CRASH SITE LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATES XE33923608. THE RECOVERY OF A BRIDGE SUPPORT ROD BELONGING TO THE J-75 ENGINE CONFIRM THE AIRCRAFT WAS A F-105. THE PARACHUTE ACCESSORY RING AND LIFE RAFT SPRAY SHIELD INDICATE THE PILOT WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. THE SITE LOCATION CORRESPONDS WITH THE REFNO 0825 INCIDENT; HOWEVER, JTF-FA FILES INDICATE 10 OTHER F-105 CRASH SITES WITHIN 15 KILOMETERS OF GRID COORDINATES 48QXE330360. JTF-FA ANALYSIS IS INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH AN EXCLUSIVE CORRELATION TO THE REFNO 0825 INCIDENT. (REF 4)

10 February 1994

ON 21 JAN 94, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0825 IN SON TRACE VILLAGE, BO TRACE DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE VNOSMP WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY NEW WITNESSES FOR THIS CASE. THE THREE WITNESSES IDENTIFIED PRIOR TO THE JFA WERE UNABLE TO BE INTERVIEWED. DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS, THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO SURVEY THE INCIDENT LOCATION. THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THREE WITNESSES STILL NEED TO BE INTERVIEWED. (REF 5)

8 June 1994

ON 27 APR 94, IE2 TRAVELLED TO TRUNG TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0825. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REINVESTIGATION WAS TO RE-INTERVIEW TWO WITNESSES FROM THE 25TH JFA IN ORDER TO ADDRESS SOME DISCREPANCIES IN THEIR PREVIOUS STATEMENTS. THE FIRST WITNESS RECOUNTED HIS STATEMENT OF LOCATING A CRASH SITE, RECOVERING REMAINS AND THE CONFISCATION OF REMAINS BY PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE OFFICIALS. THE SECOND WITNESS, A DISTRICT SECURITY OFFICIAL, CLAIMS HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE CONFISCATION AND KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. HOWEVER, STATEMENTS OF BOTH WITNESSES DURING BOTH INVESTIGATIONS INDICATED THAT THE ALLEGED REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE WHICH WERE TURNED IN TO BO TRACH DISTRICT AUTHORITIES IN 1983 WERE EITHER DESTROYED OR HAVE BEEN LOST SINCE THAT TIME. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. (REF 6)



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NARRATIVE

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ON 30 APRIL 1992, A JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED A RESIDENT OF TU MY HAMLET, TRUNG TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION TAG AND REMAINS INFORMATION POSSIBLY RELATED TO THIS CASE. THE WITNESS REPORTED THAT IN 1984 WHILE SEARCHING FOR INCENSE WOOD IN THE FORESTS OF TRUNG TRACH VILLAGE, HE DISCOVERED A CRASH SITE LOCATED ABOUT A DAY'S WALK EAST OF THE 16 KILOMETER MARKER OF ROUTE 20.

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AT THE SITE, HE FOUND THE WRECKAGE OF WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE AN F-105 AIRCRAFT, TWO IDENTIFICATION TAGS BEARING THE SAME INFORMATION AND SKELETAL REMAINS OF A SINGLE PERSON. A SHORT TIME LATER, THE BO TRACH DISTRICT PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE OFFICIALS ARRESTED HIM AND CONFISCATED THE REMAINS AND ONE OF THE IDENTIFICATION TAGS. THE WITNESS SAID HE HAD THE OTHER TAG AT HIS HOME IN TRUNG TRACH. THE CRASH SITE IS LOCATED IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE LOSS LOCATION FOR THIS INCIDENT.

ON 26 AUGUST 1993, A JOINT TEAM TRAVELED TO SON TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHO REPORTEDLY DISCOVERED REMAINS AND IDENTIFICATION TAGS AT A CRASH SITE. THE WITNESSES WERE REPORTEDLY ARRESTED AND PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICIALS CONFISCATED THE REMAINS AND IDENTIFICATION TAGS IN MAY 1983. THE TEAM TRAVELED TO THE CRASH SITE (XE339361) AND FOUND PORTIONS OF PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT AND PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. THE TEAM RECOMMENDED THE SITE NOT BE EXCAVATED DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS IN THE AREA. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED MR. TRAN CONG DUONG, THE PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICIAL, WHO HAD SEIZED THE REMAINS AND TAGS FROM THE TWO WITNESSES. MR. DUONG SAID HE PROVIDED A RECEIPT TO THE TWO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE REMAINS AND TAGS. BASED ON THE APPEARANCE OF THE REMAINS AND THE WITNESSES' INFORMATION, MR. DUONG DETERMINED THAT THE REMAINS WERE ANIMAL, NOT HUMAN, AND BURNED THE REMAINS AND TAGS. HE REPORTED THIS EVENT AND BELIEVED THE REPORT AND RECEIPT WERE STORED AT THE DISTRICT.

ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1993, THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION HELD IN U.S. RECORDS AND SAW NO EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE.

ANOTHER JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATING INCIDENTS IN BA RIA-VUNG TAU PROVINCE LOCATED A WITNESS WHO TURNED OVER REMAINS AND AN IDENTIFICATION TAG ASSOCIATED WITH MAJOR BENNETT. A JOINT FORENSIC TEAM EXAMINED THESE REMAINS ON 3-4 OCTOBER 1993 AND DETERMINED THE REMAINS TO BE SOUTHEAST ASIAN MONGOLOID AND THEREBY EXCLUDED THEM FROM ASSOCIATION WITH THIS CASE.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: BENNETT, WILLIAM GEORGE
 RANK: MAJOR, U.S. AIR FORCE
 DATE OF BIRTH: 15 SEPTEMBER 1927
 RACE: CAUCASIAN
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 WEIGHT: 83.8 KILOGRAMS
 HAIR: BROWN
 EYES: BROWN



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Tờ Tường Thuật

Vào ngày 2 tháng 9 năm 1967, Thiếu Tá WILLIAM G. BENNETT là phi công trên chiếc máy bay chiến đấu F-105D (mang số hiệu 62-4338) trong biên đội gồm có bốn chiếc máy bay. Chiếc máy bay của ông ta bị rơi trong lúc công tác bắn phá vào trong khu vực toạ độ XE335357, cách khoảng 40 cây số về hướng tây của Đồng Hới, cách 30 cây số về hướng tây nam của Quảng Khê, và 9 cây số về hướng nam - tây nam của Phương Chay, tỉnh Quảng Bình. Những phi hành viên trên máy bay kia có thấy máy bay của Thiếu Tá BENNETT rơi nhưng không có thấy cây dù hoặc nghe tín hiệu điện tử.

Vào tháng giêng năm 1992, chính phủ Việt Nam có đưa ra một cuốn tài liệu tên là "Nhật Ký Tác Chiến Phòng Không Của Quân Khu 4 Từ 1964-1973 - Tài Liệu Tham Khảo." Trong tài liệu này có mục số đề #895 liệt kê vụ bắn rơi của một chiếc máy bay F-105 vào ngày 2 tháng 9 năm 1967 lúc 0800 giờ, do tiểu đoàn 11, trung đoàn 280. Máy bay này bị rơi ở toạ độ "70-08", trong vùng Catang. Ngày, tháng, thì giờ và loại máy bay có tương quan với vụ này.

Vào ngày 30 tháng 4 năm 1992, một đội điều tra hỗn hợp có phỏng vấn một người nhân chứng ở ấp Tư Mỹ, xã Trung Trạch, huyện Bố Trạch, tỉnh Quảng Bình, về tin tức thẻ bài và hài cốt có thể liên hệ với vụ này. Nhân chứng báo cáo là vào năm 1984 trong khi tìm kiếm cây trầm hương ở

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trong rừng của xã Trung Trạch, ông ta kiếm được chỗ máy bay rơi, cách một ngày đi bộ về hướng đông của mốc cây số 16 ở đường 20. Tại chỗ đó, ông ta tìm được xác máy bay mà ông nghĩ có thể là của máy bay F-105. Ông ta tìm được hai thẻ bài giống nhau, và một bộ hài cốt. Một thời gian ngắn sau đó, ông ta bị lính công an của huyện Bố Trạch bắt giữ, và họ tịch thu bộ hài cốt và một tấm thẻ bài. Nhân chứng nói là ông còn giữ một tấm thẻ bài kia ở nhà của ông tại xã Trung Trạch. Hiện trường là ở trong khu vực máy bay bị mất của vụ này.

Vào ngày 26 tháng 8 năm 1993, một đội hỗn hợp có đi đến xã Sơn Trạch, huyện Bố Trạch, tỉnh Quảng Bình để điều tra vụ này. Đội này phỏng vấn hai nhân chứng viện lẽ có tìm được những hài cốt và thẻ bài ở một chỗ máy bay rơi. Hai nhân chứng này bị bắt giữ và lính công an tịch thu hài cốt và thẻ bài vào tháng 5 năm 1983. Đội này có đi đến hiện trường ở toạ độ (XE339361) và tìm được một số phần dụng cụ cá nhân và mảnh xác máy bay. Đội này đề nghị không nên khai quật chỗ này vì khu vực này rất là nguy hiểm. Đội này có phỏng vấn ông TRAN CONG DUONG. Ông này là lính công an đã tịch thu hài cốt và thẻ bài mà hai nhân chứng tìm được. Ông DUONG nói là ông có cho hai người kia một giấy biên nhận hài cốt và thẻ bài. Theo hình dạng của hài cốt và thông tin của nhân chứng, ông DUONG xác định là hài cốt của thú vật không phải thuộc loài người. Ông ta đã đốt cháy hài cốt và thẻ bài. Ông ta có báo cáo sự việc này, và tin là tờ báo cáo và giấy biên nhận đã được cất ở huyện.

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Vào ngày 1 tháng 9 năm 1993, đội điều tra có quan sát bằng máy bay ở hiện trường theo hồ sơ của Mỹ. Họ không thấy dấu hiệu của chỗ máy bay rơi.

Một đội hỗn hợp khác điều tra những vụ ở tỉnh Bà Rịa - Vũng Tàu có tìm được một nhân chứng hoàn lại hài cốt và thẻ bài liên hợp với Thiếu Tá BENNETT. Một đội nhân chủng hỗn hợp đã khám xét hài cốt này vào ngày 3-4 tháng 10 năm 1993 và xác định hài cốt là của người da vàng châu Á. Vì vậy họ loại trừ hài cốt này ra khỏi vụ này.

Sau đây là những chi tiết liên quan:

Họ và tên: BENNETT, WILLIAM GEORGE

Cấp bậc: Thiếu Tá, Không Quân Mỹ

Ngày sinh: 15 tháng 9 năm 1927

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1 thước 80

Cân nặng: 83 kí 8

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Nâu



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TỜ TƯỜNG THUẬT

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Vào tháng giêng năm 1992, chính phủ Việt Nam có đưa ra một cuốn tài liệu tên là "Nhật ký Tác chiến Phòng không của Quân khu 4 Từ 1964-1973 - tài liệu tham khảo." Trong tài liệu này có mục số 895 liệt kê vụ bắn rơi của một chiếc máy bay F-105 vào ngày 2 tháng 9 năm 1967 lúc 0800 giờ, do tiểu đoàn 11, trung đoàn 280. Máy bay này bị rơi ở tọa độ "70-08", trong vùng Catang. Ngày, tháng, thì giờ và loại máy bay có tương quan với vụ này.

Vào ngày 30 tháng 4 năm 1992, một đội điều tra hỗn hợp có phỏng vấn một người nhân chứng ở ấp Tư My, xã Trung Trạch, huyện Bố Trạch, tỉnh Quảng Bình, về tin tức thẻ bài và hài cốt có thể liên hệ với vụ này. Nhân chứng báo cáo là vào năm 1984 trong khi tìm kiếm cây trầm hương ở trong rừng của xã Trung Trạch, ông ta kiếm được chỗ máy bay rơi, cách một ngày đi bộ về hướng Đông của mốc cây số 16 ở đường 20. Tại chỗ đó, ông

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ta tìm được xác máy bay mà ông nghĩ có thể là của máy bay F-105. Ông ta tìm được hai thẻ bài giống nhau, và một bộ hài cốt. Một thời gian ngắn sau đó, ông ta bị lính công an của huyện Bố Trạch bắt giữ, và họ tịch thu bộ hài cốt và một tấm thẻ bài. Nhân chứng nói là ông còn giữ một tấm thẻ bài kia ở nhà của ông tại xã Trung Trạch. Hiện trường là ở trong khu vực máy bay bị mất của vụ này.

Vào ngày 26 tháng 8 năm 1993, một đội hỗn hợp đã có đến xã Sơn Trạch huyện Bố Trạch, tỉnh Quảng Bình để điều tra vụ này. Đội này phỏng vấn hai nhân chứng viên lễ có tìm được những hài cốt và thẻ bài ở một chỗ máy bay rơi. Hai nhân chứng này bị bắt giữ và lính công an tịch thu hài cốt và thẻ bài vào tháng 5 năm 1983. Đội này có đi đến hiện trường ở tọa độ (XE339361) và tìm được một số phần dụng cụ cá nhân và mảnh xác máy bay. Đội này đề nghị không nên khai quật chỗ này vì khu vực này rất là nguy hiểm. Đội này có phỏng vấn ông Trần công Dương. Ông này là lính công an đã tịch thu hài cốt và thẻ bài mà hai nhân chứng tìm được. Ông Dương nói là ông có cho hai người kia một giấy biên nhận hài cốt và thẻ bài. Theo hình dạng của hài cốt và thông tin của nhân chứng, ông Dương xác định là hài cốt của thú vật không phải thuộc loài người. Ông ta đã đốt cháy hài cốt và thẻ bài. Ông ta có báo cáo sự việc này, và tin là tờ báo cáo và giấy biên nhận đã được cất ở huyện.

Vào ngày 1 tháng 9 năm 1993, đội điều tra có quan sát bằng máy bay ở hiện trường theo hồ sơ của Mỹ. Họ không thấy dấu hiệu của chỗ máy bay rơi.

Vụ số 0825-0-01

Một đội hỗn hợp khác điều tra những vụ ở tỉnh Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu có tìm được một nhân chứng hoàn lại hài cốt và thẻ bài liên hệ với Thiếu tá BENNETT. Một đội nhân chủng hỗn hợp đã khám xét hài cốt này vào ngày 3-4 tháng 10 năm 1993 và xác định hài cốt là của người da vàng Châu Á và vì vậy họ loại trừ bộ hài cốt ra khỏi vụ này.

Vào ngày 21 tháng 1 năm 1994, một đội hỗn hợp đã đến xã Sơn Trạch, huyện Bố Trạch, tỉnh Quảng Bình để điều tra vụ này. Chính quyền Việt Nam không thể tìm thấy ba người có thể là nhân chứng để có thể phỏng vấn hay bất cứ nhân chứng mới nào khác cho vụ này. Đội đã đến quan sát bằng máy bay nơi vụ này xảy ra nhưng không có kết quả. Hiện trường nơi máy bay rơi thì ở trên núi trong rừng rất rậm.

Những chi tiết liên quan như sau:

Họ và tên: BENNETT, WILLIAM GEORGE

Cấp bậc: Thiếu tá, Không quân Hoa Kỳ

Ngày sinh: 15 tháng 9 năm 1927

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1 thước 80

Cân nặng: 83 kí 8

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Nâu

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 25 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0826-1-01 (ACCNO 0979) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: MOORE, HERBERT WILLIAM JR Date Status assigned: 28 Apr 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	03	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	DATA	Height	73 in / 1.85 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	175 lb / 79.3 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	PENNSYLVANIA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	CRASH SITE	
UTM:	48QWE932890	48QWE865884
Lat/Long:	175919N / 1055250E	175901N / 1054902E
Country:	NORTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	4	
Mission Province:	QUANG BINH	
(formerly):		
Mission District:	TUYEN HOA	
Mission Date:	3 Sep 1967	
Mission Category:	3	
Local Analysis:	None.	Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jan 90, Oct 89, Aug 89
Investigations: Apr 90, Jan 91
Excavations: Jan 91, Apr 92
Site Identified: Apr 90
Vessey Case: TWO
Case type: DISCREPANCY
Survivability: (1) Out of the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F105D	Serial: 78
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J7519W
Call Sign: WACO 2	1 Serial: P611859
Year: 61	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.